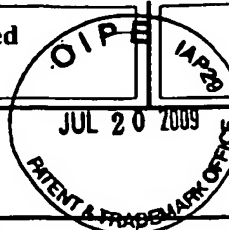


**Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned  
Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (Small Entity)**

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Docket No.  
A-10044

In Re Application Of: James Walter LUCAS et al.



Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/577,768	April 28, 2006	Chi Q. Nguyen	Adjustment date: 08/31/2009 2007/01/20/09 AWONDAF1 00000028 10577768 01 FC:2453	00000028 10577768	010.00 OP

Invention: **PANEL EDGE JOINT**

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee--required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. ☒ A proposed reply to the above-identified Office Action:

☐ is enclosed. ☒ was filed on June 15, 2009

The proposed reply is in the form of: Amendment plus Petition for 3 month extension of time

2. ☐ The issue fee:

☐ is enclosed. ☐ was paid on \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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4. ☒ The abandoned application was a:

☐ design application. ☒ utility application. ☐ plant application.

5. ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and fee) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed.

6. ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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Enclosed are the following fees:

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**Statement**

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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